

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated April 20, 2006. Claims 1-23 are presented for examination. Claims 12 and 23 have been amended hereby. Claims 1, 12, and 23 are in independent form. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of Claims 1-11.

Claim 23 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Claim 23 has been amended in part to recite that the computer program is stored in a computer-readable medium.

It is believed that the rejection under Section 101 has been obviated, and its withdrawal is therefore respectfully requested.

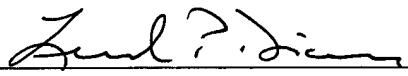
Claims 12 and 23 are method and computer program claims which have been amended to correspond, respectively, to allowed apparatus Claim 1, and are believed to be allowable for the same reasons as Claim 1.

Accordingly, all pending claims are now believed to be in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and an early issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

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